



UNIVERSITY INTERSCHOLASTIC LEAGUE

COPY EDITING CONTEST

STATE 2019

FOR JUDGE'S USE

Points from PART 1

Points from PART 2

FINAL PLACE

POINTS/15

POINTS/10

TOTAL POINTS

FINAL PLACE

PART 3 is ONLY ranked to break a tie. No points are assigned.

There should be no ties.

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CONTESTANT NUMBER _____

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1. The two men are close friends and have appeared **side-by-side / side by side** frequently since Abbott took office.
2. Research has found that boys are more **affected / effected** than girls.
3. The **mugshots / mug shots** of each of the criminals are available to the media.
4. The grand marshal of the Macy's Day Parade gave his **counsel / council / council** about the order of the floats.
5. Each of the participants from St. Mary's All-Girl Catholic School took **her/their** turn at "koinonia" at the spelling bee.
6. It's easy to see the difference between **she / her** and me.
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8. There's not much to look **forwards / forward** to on the stock market.
9. The director gave the solos to five top-notch players, splitting time **among / between** tuba, trombone, euphonium and trumpet players.
10. At the home show, the vendors displayed quite a variety of **whirlpool spas / jacuzzis**.
11. Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez will be the youngest member off the 116th Congress. She is in her **20s / 20's / twenties**.
12. My favorite style is **Southern fried chicken / southern fried chicken**.
13. On March 10, 2019, **daylight saving time / Daylight Saving Time / daylight savings time** begins.
14. He enjoys his chai tea latte with **espresso / expresso**.
15. The paramedics administered **Narcan / naloxone** to the student who had apparently overdosed on opioids.

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**Part 2: Edit the following sentences to correct FOUR errors in wordiness, AP style, grammar, spelling or punctuation in each of the five items. Use clearly understood editing symbols.
(2 pts. each)**

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2. Brad Weldon has lived in Paradise, CA his entire life, and wasn't about to leave his home or his blind, ninety-year-old Mother behind when the fire hit. And Weldon, a Firefighter himself, is not going to leave now that the fire is gone, though not much is left of the town he remembers.
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You are editing the article to be published Friday, May 3, 2019.

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Tips for judges

Part 1

There is some subjectivity involved in all editing. If you find an error in the answer key, report it to the UIL office

No. 5 There is no reason to believe that there should be an exception to the rule about using plural pronouns in this case. Each takes a singular verb and singular pronouns.

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Students may choose, particularly in No. 1, to rewrite the sentence in other ways. It is up to judges how to award points if students choose alternative methods. In particular, they could change "their" to "its" or change "team" to "players." That pronoun problem is one error.

Tips for judges

Part 2

There are four errors per item.

If fixing one error creates another, it counts as one. For example, in the fourth sentence, removing "mutual" requires the editor to change "a" to "an." That is all one error.

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This section is worth a maximum of 10 points.

To facilitate grading, put an X over the number of a question that is completely wrong. Write the point value assigned to each question out to the side. Award questions with either a 0, a 0.5, a 1, a 1.5 or 2.

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Students need to find some way to deal with the anonymous source problem. This appears to be an unverified even though it's available online. Is this a fake document?

more than, over
Acceptable in all uses to indicate greater numerical value. So, either more than or over could be accepted in this case. However, more than is more clear.

Tips for judges

Part 3

This section is ONLY ranked to break a tie in the combined scores of parts 1 and 2. Assign no points.

Judges should compare the papers of students who tied, ranking them accordingly.

When grading part 3, holistically read the changes the student indicated starting with the highest level of editing. Remember, there are multiple levels of copy editing. The notes off to the side on the answer key indicate higher levels of editing errors. Those should be awarded more value if the student fixes the problem or indicates it should be fixed.

- Highest level: Are there any legal or ethical issues with the story?
- Middle level: Does the story use the right sources? Does it flow?
- Lowest level: Grammar, spelling, punctuation, style

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